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June 06, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET  
DEVELOPMENT ZONE PROGRAM  
(ALL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to consider and approve the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone and the required documentation for the expansion.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Consider the Negative Declaration for the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone, together with any comments received during the public review period, find on the basis of the whole record before your Board that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of your Board, and adopt the Negative Declaration.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chairman to sign the resolution of the County of Los Angeles Supporting Expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone. The Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone presently consists of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The resolution will add the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Culver City, Covina, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.
3. Authorize the Department of Public Works to submit application documents for the proposed

expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recycling Market Development Zone is a statewide program administered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to meet the waste diversion mandates of Assembly Bill 939. Your Board authorized the County RMDZ program in 1994. Since that time, the County RMDZ program has assisted dozens of local qualifying businesses which either manufacturer a product using recycled-material or processes materials for recycling. Qualifying businesses may receive technical assistance, marketing assistance, and financial assistance. The financial assistance consists of a low-interest loan program funded entirely by CalRecycle. County RMDZ has assisted 21 local businesses to fund \$12 million in loans. The qualifying businesses which have received assistance have created good paying jobs and diverted waste from landfills.

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the Negative Declaration (Enclosure A) and the resolution supporting expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (County RMDZ) to include the eight new member cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Culver City, Covina, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier (Enclosure B). All eight new member cities and the eleven existing member cities have adopted resolutions to support the expansion of the County RMDZ program. The justification of the recommended action is to provide economic assistance for both new and existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses in the eight cities and to increase the overall diversion rate for solid waste in the County of Los Angeles. The eight new member cities have zoned industrial areas which are able to accommodate (1) manufacturers that are able to use recycled materials as their feedstock, and/or (2) processors of materials that are normally difficult to recycle.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by providing financial, marketing, and technical assistance to companies in the member cities and the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles which qualify for the RMDZ program. This will provide new employment opportunities, increased recycling, and divert materials from landfills. The expansion of the County RMDZ will support these goals.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The annual cost for the administration of the program is estimated at \$60,000. The cost of this program will be financed with annual membership dues of \$1,500 from each of the 19 participating cities and \$3,000 in annual State grant funds which are specific to the program. An annual contribution \$28,500 to cover the remaining costs of this program have been included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2011-12 Solid Waste Management Fund budget. There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Funding for the future years for the administration cost of the program will be requested through the annual budget process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In 1994 upon approval from your Board, an application to authorize the creation of the County RMDZ was submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (now the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery). The application was approved and the County RMDZ has been in existence since that year. In 2008 your Board authorized the expansion of the County RMDZ to add four new member cities of Compton, Inglewood, Palmdale, and Torrance. Currently, the County RMDZ consists of the County unincorporated areas and the eleven member cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon.

Approval of this action will expand the County RMDZ to add the eight new member cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Culver City, Covina, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. The City of El Segundo had originally expressed interest in joining the County RMDZ; however, it declined subsequent to public review of the Negative Declaration.

The California RMDZ program is a statewide program administered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to help jurisdictions meet the waste diversion mandates of Assembly Bill 939. The goal of the program is to divert waste materials from landfills to more productive uses. CalRecycle has designated 35 RMDZ regions in the State, including the County RMDZ.

The California RMDZ program combines recycling with economic development to support new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. The program provides attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product-marketing to qualifying businesses. Qualifying businesses must be located in a RMDZ and either manufacture products using materials from the waste stream or process materials that are normally difficult to recycle.

The County RMDZ serves as a referral center for businesses interested in the program. Qualifying businesses receive technical assistance from CalRecycle staff and are eligible to apply for RMDZ loans. Financing for the loans is provided directly by CalRecycle, which also underwrites and services all loans. To date, the County RMDZ program has provided over \$12 million in loans to 21 businesses.

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

An Initial Study was prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration was prepared (Enclosure A). Public notice was published in the "Los Angeles Times" on May 24, 2010, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and posted pursuant to Section 21092.3. Comments were received from one resident. The response to this comment is included in Enclosure A.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which your Board's decision is based in this matter is with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Annex 3rd Floor, Alhambra, California 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Mr. Suk Chong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

The Department of Fish and Game has determined that for purpose of the assessment of CEQA filing fees, Section 711.4(c) of the Fish and Game Code, the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife, and habitat and does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. The "CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form" was approved by the Department of Fish and Game on June 16, 2010. Upon your Board's adoption of the Negative Declaration, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing fee with the County Clerk in the amount of \$75.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Authorization for Public Works to apply for expansion of the County RMDZ will allow for the continuation of a program with both environmental and economic development benefits. There will be no negative impacts on current services resulting from the expansion.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one adopted copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

GF/DC:td

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

**I Location and Brief Description**

The project is the expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) to include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. Currently, the Los Angeles County RMDZ encompasses all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon.

The RMDZ program is an economic and technical assistance program that includes a low interest loan, which assists targeted businesses located in the RMDZ. The businesses must manufacture products using recycled materials as a feedstock or process difficult to recycle materials, such as construction and demolition debris.

In June 1994, the Board of Supervisors authorized an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the establishment of the Los Angeles County RMDZ, which encompassed the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone. The following year, the RMDZ was expanded to include several member cities and the unincorporated area of Altadena. Expansions have been authorized several times since to include all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and the current member cities. Since 1994, the RMDZ has assisted 20 companies and funded loans which totaled more than 12 million dollars.

**II Mitigation Measures Included in the Project to Avoid Potentially Significant Effects**

No significant effects are identified.

**III Finding of No Significant Effect**

Based on the attached Initial Study and Attachment A – Discussion of Environmental Factors, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. For the most part, the area consists of single family residences, multi-family dwelling units, businesses, and commercial and industrial establishments. Some undeveloped land exists in the northern portions of the County in the areas known as the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

- B. Surrounding Properties** – Los Angeles County RMDZ is surrounded by the Counties of Kern, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Within the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles, separate RMDZs are administered by the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Santa Clarita.
- 10. Other agencies whose approval is required (and permits needed):** California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery; Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1 A brief explanation is required for all answers, except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2 All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3 "Potential Significant Impact" is appropriate if an effect is significant or potentially significant, or if the lead agency lacks information to make a finding of insignificance. If there are one or more "Potential Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required.
- 4 "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potential Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced)
- 5 Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR or other California Environmental Quality Act process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration Section 15063(c)(3)(D). Earlier analyses are discussed in Section XVIII at the end of the checklist.
- 6 Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references, information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans and zoning ordinances). See the sample question below. A source list should be attached and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

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substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. There will be no impact.

- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) designates roadways that provide scenic views as official Scenic Highways or Corridors. The project is not located near a designated State scenic highway, nor is it adjacent to local freeways or roadways that are designated or eligible scenic roadways. The proposed project would not damage scenic resources. No construction or development is proposed. Therefore, there will be no impact.

- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

The proposed project would not degrade nor change the visual quality throughout the Los Angeles County RMDZ. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. Therefore, the proposed project has no impact on visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.

- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

The proposed project would not create any new sources of light or glare. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. This will not provide a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. Therefore, there will be no impact.

ii. **AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES** - In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?

The project location is not used for agricultural purposes or as a farmland. Therefore, the project will have no impact on farmland.

- b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?

The proposed project will not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use and will have no impact on a Williamson Act contract. The only Williamson Act parcels in Los Angeles County are on Santa Catalina Island. There will be no impact.

- c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code

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The proposed project consists of expanding the Los Angeles County RMDZ. The RMDZ is an economic and technical assistance program which assists manufacturers and processors within the RMDZ. The proposed project would not expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations. Therefore, there will be no impact.

- e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

The proposed project would not create objectionable odors. Any RMDZ activity that may create objectionable odors would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:**

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Los Angeles County RMDZ substantially consists of densely developed urban areas. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on Federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

The proposed project would not have an adverse effect on any Federally protected wetlands through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident, migratory fish, or wildlife species; or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors; or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

The proposed project would not interfere with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a

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activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving strong seismic ground shaking. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- iv) Landslides?

The proposed project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects involving landslides. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

The proposed project would not result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?

The proposed project would not result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse due to soil instability. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

The proposed project would not create risks to life or property due to expansive soil. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

The proposed project would not generate waste water or involve the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

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handle hazardous materials, substances or wastes within one quarter mile of an existing or proposed school would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

See VIII b) above.

- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5, and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

The proposed project would not be located on a site which was included a list of hazardous materials shites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5. In addition, the proposed project woul not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

Los Angeles County RMDZ currently encompasses all the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County as well as the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The proposed expanded RMDZ will also include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. Several small public airports and several large commercial airports are in and near these areas. The RMDZ would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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- g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

The expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ would not impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?<br><br>The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of any housing within a 100-year flood hazard area. No impact would occur.  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?<br><br>The proposed project does not involve any construction or placement of structures that would impede or redirect flood flows. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.   | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?<br><br>The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| j) Would the project cause or expose people and structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?<br><br>The proposed project would not include activities that could expose people or structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.  | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**X. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project:**

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| a) Physically divide an established community?<br><br>The proposed project would not physically divide an established community. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?<br><br>The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?<br><br>The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan. No construction or change in use is proposed, and any RMDZ project would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Los Angeles County RMDZ currently encompasses the unincorporated areas of the County along with the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The proposed expanded zone will also include the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. There are private airstrips in the area. Any RMDZ project that may expose people to excessive noise levels would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

**XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING - Would the project:**

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g. by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

The proposed project would not induce substantial population growth, either directly or indirectly. No construction or development is proposed and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project would not displace existing housing. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

The proposed project would not displace substantial numbers of people. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

**XIV PUBLIC SERVICES**

- a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services.

- i) Fire protection?

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of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

The proposed project would not result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections. Any RMDZ project that may result in increased traffic loads would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

The proposed project would not exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways. The County's Congestion Management Program (CMP) applies to projects that have the potential to generate a minimum of 50 vehicle trips through a CMP intersection. The proposed project does not have the potential to generate 50 or more trips through a CMP intersection. No construction or development is proposed, and any construction or development resulting from RMDZ activities would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

The proposed project would not result in a change in air traffic patterns. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

The proposed project would not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible uses. Any construction or development resulting from an RMDZ project that may result in such hazards would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

The proposed project would not result in inadequate emergency access since no changes in emergency access would occur as a result of the project. Any construction or development resulting from an RMDZ project that may result in inadequate emergency access would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

- f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities. No construction or development is proposed. Any construction or development would be subject to environmental review. There will be no impact.

**XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** - Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of then applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

Potential  
 Significant  
 Impact  
 Less than  
 Significant  
 Impact With  
 Mitigation  
 Less Than  
 Significant  
 Impact  
 No Impact

**XVIII MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

- a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

The proposed project would not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)

The proposed project would not have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.

- c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

The proposed project would not have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. No construction is proposed, and any RMDZ project that could potentially have substantial adverse effects would be subject to environmental review.





## CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form

**Applicant Name:** County of Los Angeles

**Date Submitted:** June 9, 2010

**Applicant Address:** Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 900 South Fremont, Alhambra, CA 91803

**Project Name:** Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

**CEQA Lead Agency:** County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

**CEQA Document Type:** (ND, MND, EIR) Negative Declaration

**SCH Number and/or local agency ID number:** SCH#2010051068

**Project Location:** the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier

**Brief Project Description:** The Project is the expansion of the existing Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ). The RMDZ program is an economic and technical assistance program which includes a low interest loan program available to manufacturers within the RMDZ that make products from recycled materials. The Negative Declaration addresses the addition of the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier to be included in the RMDZ.

**Determination:** Based on a review of the Project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Game has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees [F&G Code 711.4(c)] the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records; you are required to file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk after your project is approved and at the time of filing of the CEQA lead agency's Notice of Determination (NOD). If you do not file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid No Effect Determination Form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approval By: Leslee Newton-Reed Date: 6-16-2010

Title: Environmental Scientist

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July 13, 2010

Ms. N. L. Parson  
Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF)  
11705 South Alameda Street  
Lynwood, CA 90262  
Mailstop: 2265114 2600 20U

Dear Ms. Parson:

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE EXPANSION AND PLASTIC BAG BAN ORDINANCE.**

Thank you for your recent letter concerning environmental documents for Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) expansion and Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance. We are glad that you have received the Negative Declaration (ND) document for the proposed expansion of the Los Angeles County (RMDZ) program we sent you last month, as you requested.

Regarding your request for the approved document for the RMDZ project, as this is a project to expand an existing program to include additional Los Angeles County economic zones for recycling businesses, unlike a traditional public works project, there are no engineering drawings or specifications to share with you at this time. The next step for this project is for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to approve/adopt the ND document, which will take place in the winter of 2010.

Also, enclosed per your request is a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report developed for the County of Los Angeles to support proposed ordinances to ban plastic carryout bags in Los Angeles County. You may submit your comments on the project by 5 p.m. on July 22, 2010 to:

Mr. Coby Skye  
County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works  
Environmental Programs Division  
P.O. Box 1460  
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

11:47am  
5-23-10

N.L. PARSON <sup>Ed</sup>  
11705 S. Alameda St.  
Lynwood Ca 90262  
Mail stop:  
2265114 2600 20U

To: Mr. Toralzadeh

Greetings! The County of Los Angeles has provided your name and contact information. I was directed to your programs division to request the RMDZ program information in an alternate format.

I am an interested party. I am completely unable to travel. So I will not be able to physically go to any viewing location. There was 10 various addresses stated in the Legal Notice of the La Times dated Sunday May 23, 2010.

I wish to Review the following:

The Proposed Project  
The Draft Initial Study  
The Negative Declaration  
The Initial Study  
All Supporting Documents  
The Complete File  
& The Application

Plus . . . . . The More Documents the Better. I need it complete! Can you accommodate this need? Please! AND also SEND Paper Hard Copy \*

to the address above AND ON ENVELOPE WITHIN 72 hrs - Thank-You  
N.L.P

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EXPANSION OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program throughout the State to provide economic incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials for recyclables; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County RMDZ includes the entire unincorporated area of Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon; and

**WHEREAS**, cities and counties must meet a 50 percent reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act (Assembly Bill 939); and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County RMDZ is dedicated to establishing, sustaining, and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market development and to assist local jurisdictions in meeting the established landfill reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County RMDZ seeks to expand to facilitate existing and new recycling-based manufacturing businesses within the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Culver City, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier to be eligible for the technical and financial incentives associated with the RMDZ program; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the Los Angeles County RMDZ is necessary to facilitate local and regional planning, coordination, and support of existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses, as well as attract private sector recycling business investments to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the current and proposed waste management practices and conditions are favorable to the development of post-consumer and secondary waste materials markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has defined environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" [Government Code Section 65040.12(e)], and has directed the California Environmental Protection Agency to conduct its programs in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations of the State [Public Resources Code Section 71110(a)]; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in its Strategic Plan, has adopted a goal to continuously integrate environmental justice concerns into all of the Board's programs and activities.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works has prepared or caused to be prepared a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act finding that there is no substantial evidence that the zone expansion project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the record of the proceedings on which Los Angeles County bases its decision to adopt the Negative Declaration is available from the Department of Public Works located in Alhambra.

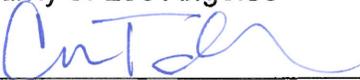
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, that:

1. Consider the Negative Declaration for the Expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone, together with any comments received during the public review period, find on the basis of the whole record before your Board that there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of your Board, and adopt the Negative Declaration.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the Resolution of the County of Los Angeles Approving the Expansion of the Los Angeles County Recycling Market Development Zone Program. The County Recycling Market Development Zone presently consists of unincorporated Los Angeles County and the cities of Burbank, Carson, Commerce, Compton, El Monte, Glendale, Inglewood, Palmdale, South Gate, Torrance, and Vernon. The Resolution authorizes the addition of the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Culver City, Covina, El Segundo, Huntington Park, Monrovia, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.
3. Authorize the Department of Public Works to submit an application for the proposed Expansion of the County Recycling Market Development Zone to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

The foregoing resolution was on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN. F. KRATTLI  
Acting County Counsel

By   
Deputy

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